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#### **Editorial**

Dear Readers

A hearty welcome to the April Edition, number 493. Our long journey back to normal continues apace, perhaps I should say the new normal, as I guess the old normal is now something well and truly consigned to the history books.

Well, whichever normal comes to pass, Wedmore will undoubtedly continue to be an exemplary place to live and this edition contains full details of all the many activities and 'restarts' planned to get us back to enjoying the traditional summers we have come to know and love.

Now please forgive me for repeating myself for a third time, but we, the IoW News, need a new Treasurer to replace John Rook who is retiring in July, so please can I ask again for someone to come forward and take this crucial role on.

As always, thank you to the many people who have contributed towards this Edition, either via content, logistics or in one of the many supporting roles. A special welcome to Lindy Richardson whose first contribution to the Tasty Morsels Feature is a recipe for a delicious Chocolate and Maple Syrup Pudding.

Happy reading and above all, stay safe.

Bill

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#### **Front Cover**

This month's cover is slightly different in that it is based on the cover of a Wedmore Cookbook that Green Wedmore intends to produce for the Christmas season. The cover was designed by Orange Cat Graphic Design. You can find more information – including how you might be able to contribute - in the News section.

Liz Sweeney

## **News**

#### **Parish Council Business**

The February meeting of 2021 was once again held via Zoom video conferencing and at the time of writing no-one has any idea when face to face meetings can resume. The meeting started with the Chairman welcoming a new Councillor. Cllr Jonathan Newton represents the Blackford Ward on the Council which is now at full strength. Members heard from the County Councillor, David Huxtable that Somerset had delivered more Covid vaccinations than anywhere else in the country. Members agreed to continue the share of funding for the 67 bus route. Part of the running costs are shared by the County Council and all parishes along the bus route between Burnham and Wells. The Council was updated on the proposed community woodland behind Worthington Close. Tree planting had started and protective fencing would be installed where appropriate. Green Wedmore was given a grant towards the production of a cookbook and members also agreed to fund the production of safety signs designed by children to be placed in the Blackford area.

#### Henry Butt Trophy 2020

There is still time to nominate an individual or group for this annual award. The winner will be decided at the May meeting of the Council.

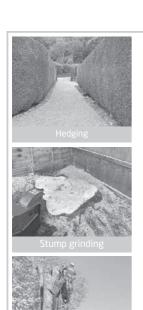
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#### **Strongvox Homes Planning Application**

Yesterday morning I attended a meeting of the Sedgemoor District Council Development Management Committee via a video conference call. I was joined by Keith Bulnois, Isle of Wedmore Society and Cllr Will Human. All three of us spoke against the plans to build a further 38 homes on land near the First School. Sadly the committee decided to allow the application to proceed. The Parish Council is doing its level best to fully

support the Neighbourhood Plan but unfortunately Sedgemoor has the final say on these matters. We will continue to keep fighting our corner wherever we can.

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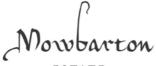
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#### **Report from District Councillors**

I believe last month I rather contradicted myself by saying I hadn't got much to report, then wrote a page!!! Sometimes we are busier than we realise.

To say that we are disappointed by the SDC planning committee's decision to support Phase 3 at The Grange, is an understatement. Contrary to some residents' beliefs, both Will and myself were absolutely against this latest application by Strongvox, and Will spoke at committee on my behalf, as did Sue Worrall and Keith Boulnois. I had made myself rather unpopular with the SDC planners and have been banging the drum at Duncan Harvey, amongst others, about the actual need for more affordable houses, which aren't by any stretch of the imagination actually affordable at all!! It beggars belief that this application got through, but there, in my opinion, is only one place to look, and that is at the committee.

The planners are following policy, set by Government, and are therefore doing their jobs correctly. The committee, however, seem to have their own agenda, seem to vote politically in groups and don't pay much regard for the people who actually live in the area that is being developed. Also it is my belief that there is a certain amount of animosity towards Wedmore as a whole, whether through jealousy or the belief that everyone who lives here is posh, rich or both. Things need to change and both Will and I intend to make the powers that be fully scrutinise this flawed system.

We have the best interests of all our parishioners at the very middle of our hearts. I had to do some negotiating with Strongvox to get them to pay for and construct a new footpath built out on Pilcorn Street, to meet with the Neighbourhood Plan. It's my job to get something other than hideous houses out of a developer, they so rarely provide a community with anything, so to secure £105K of footpath improvements is a triumph for our community and we can use CIL payments on more projects in the Parish as long as they meet the criteria.

In other news we both attended a Full Council meeting for SDC, an Axe Brue Drainage Board meeting and several Councillor Drop-in sessions held on Teams.

I chaired a Licensing Panel for a Private License renewal, where the driver had not declared a Police caution on his application. The panel suspended his license for three months, to set an example of the seriousness of this issue to the taxi trade.

I also attended the last Grants Award sub-committee for the financial year. There was quite a lot of money left in the pot and if not applied for gets used elsewhere within SDC, so we had 19 applications, where some were deferred until the next tranche of funding is available and granted some funds to all the other applications. The meeting was adjourned after three hours and re-commenced two days later for a further one and a half hours!!

Polly and Will

#### A Passion for Recording the Weather

When Bill thanked Denley Brown in his January Editorial for providing us with a monthly weather report for so many years, we realised that we didn't know much about Denley or how he recorded his data.



I spoke to Denley's eldest daughter, Gill Pawson, who relayed the information from her father.

Denley was born in 1926 and moved to Blackford in 1959 to take up tenancy of a dairy farm, New Grove Farm. That was when he started to take an interest in recording temperature and rainfall, as it's very useful information for a farmer. When he retired in 1992 he and his wife moved just down the road to Little Garth in Blackford, which is where he still lives. Like many of us in retirement, he was looking for a hobby, so continued to take a close interest in the weather.

He has always used traditional methods: he collected rainwater in a rain gauge, which funnels the water into a measuring container to show the amount of rain to the nearest millimetre. His thermometer is housed in a Stevenson screen to ensure that it is never in direct sunlight. He recorded all the measurements by hand and sent the information to the Editor of the Wedmore News. He also monitored wind direction with a weathervane and atmospheric pressure with a biograph – a metal cylinder with a graduated piece of paper linked to a pen arm – but as these change frequently, he didn't record the data for publication. Whenever he went away on holiday he asked a neighbour to record the readings.

Liz Sweeney

Again, may I record our gratitude to Denley for his many years of great service to the IOW News.

Bill

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I am delighted to be able to inform the community of Wedmore that a much talked about 'piece of land' formally known as the Wedmore Parish Ambulance Station was sold by public auction on Thursday 25 February 2021 by Cooper and Tanner for a fantastic price of £381,000. The Wedmore Parish Ambulance Association, according to their Constitution as a Registered Charity, were only allowed to donate the proceeds from the land to a Wedmore Health Charity and the Wedmore and Axbridge Community Health Fund was the only possible recipient. The reason I am so pleased is because the proceeds from the sale are being donated to the Wedmore and Axbridge Community (Registered Charity No: 801664) and the Charity Commission has fully approved the transfer of these proceeds.

In September 2020 I took a call from Mr Bob Drew, one of the Trustees of the Wedmore and District Ambulance Association. He stated that Steve Reading from Collier and Reading Architects had been able to achieve outline planning permission for a detached dwelling. We were delighted to be instructed to sell and advised that the best way to ensure the best possible return for the Health Fund was to offer the plot for sale by auction. As established auctioneers since 1908 we fully understand the strengths of auction for a highly desirable property such as this building plot. We knew from the outset that we needed to achieve the best price possible for such a worthy cause. Upon advertising, our Wedmore office was inundated with calls and e-mails from prospective buyers keen to register their interest, and our team were able to help and advise on the enquiries about the plot. It was clear early on that the plot had gained a high level of interest ranging from individual self-builders to investors and builders.

Now in present times, we cannot write this without mentioning Covid-19! We knew it would not be possible to hold a physical auction and 'online' was the only way forward. I had slight reservations about this as my previous memories of our auctions were of packed-out village halls, with bidders' hands flying in the air to secure their dream. Would an online auction achieve the same? Well, I can safely report that for the plot, we achieved a record level of registered bidders reaching an international audience. Watching the bidding commence online was certainly 'edge of the seat' stuff.

From 9am the bidding got off to a flying start with the reserve being hit instantly and over the course of the day the bidding gained momentum. After a total of 138 bids, the virtual hammer fell to a successful buyer living overseas, wishing to return to the UK.

It has been a wonderful experience and the Wedmore and Axbridge Community Health Fund, who rely solely on charitable donations, were delighted with the outcome. The Wedmore and Axbridge Community Health Fund, established in 1988, has seen donations dramatically decrease, and the effects of the lockdown have certainly taken their toll. The Fund plays such a crucial role in our community, helping people of all ages. The Community Health Fund provides equipment and services to the practice and patients for items mainly not available on the NHS. The Health Fund is also there to help individual patients with assistance not available

on the NHS, which could be equipment, services, wheelchairs or stairlifts. For dementia/Alzheimers patients, Music in Mind in Wedmore and Music Matters in Axbridge and the Art Class held in Axbridge are also wholly financially supported by the Fund. The Fund also supports the Weston Hospice Care for Wedmore and Axbridge patients in their care which is 13% of the total patients.

If you would like to know more about the Fund or can help in any way, please contact: Mrs Shirley Wederell, 01934 712089.

Laura Hector Cooper and Tanner, Wedmore

#### Beavers, Cubs and Scouts Are Almost Back Together

Despite our best efforts last year, being placed in Tier 4 then subject to the third national lockdown prevented us from getting back together, as we had planned. Because of this, our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have continued with their online Zoom meetings to keep things together.

However, from 8 March, England's restrictions started to lift as the government's four-step roadmap began to offer a route back to a more normal life, providing that everyone follows the 'hands, face, space' guidance.

We aim to restart after 29 March, the second step in the 'roadmap'. The Scout Association has been working with the National Youth Agency to see how the 'roadmap' affects face-to-face Scouting, and it is this information we are using to plan our reopening. Hopefully, we will be back together in early April.

#### Road Safety in Wedmore

Wedmore Parish Council are keen to encourage road safety around our Parish in a number of ways, one of which is to hopefully make a safe cycle path between Wedmore First School and Hugh Sexey Middle School, however this will take time! In the meantime, an art competition has been held at Hugh Sexey Middle School for children to design road safety signs that

we can put around the Parish to remind drivers of other road users and speed limits. We look forward to seeing some of the winning signs produced and installed around the parish. If you would like to find out more about the Parish Council's

plans to improve road safety, please contact either Emily Mulliner, Babs Lloyd, Jacky Farley or Jonathan Newton C/O wedmoreparishcouncil@gmail.com.

#### Can You Help With Our Village Magazine?

After 10 years as our Treasurer John Rook has decided to put away his calculator and hand over to someone new.

The Isle of Wedmore News is therefore looking for a new Treasurer, ideally from April 2021. There can then be a handing-over period working with John until he finally leaves us in July.

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We look forward to hearing from you!

IOW News Team

#### Front Gate Freecycle – 10 / 11 April

Too early yet to gather in the village carpark to 'freecycle' but not too early to repeat the very successful front gate freecycles that happened last year!

Remember not to block pavements, no money changes hands and anything that is not taken needs tidying away promptly each evening

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#### **Wedmore Arts Festival Attracts Distinguished Support**

Wedmore has long had a proud tradition of 'punching above its weight.' So it's not surprising that some very distinguished personalities have welcomed the opportunity to lend their support to the future success of the popular annual Arts Festival after the challenges of the 20 / 21 pandemic.



We are delighted to announce our six new Patrons - all eminent in their field and all past 'performers' in Wedmore.

- Kate Adie spoke at a sell-out event in 2019, entertaining the packed hall with her tales of life as a journalist on the front line.
- The legendary Henry Blofeld also spoke in 2019, captivating his audience with hilarious stories of what it was like to be 78 Retired!
- Peter F Hamilton took part in a fascinating discussion about The Writing Life.
   A best-selling science fiction writer as well as a local resident, Peter's support is doubly welcome.
- Mark Hamlin played a huge role as President of Wedmore Opera and was instrumental in founding the Arts Festival as an extension: exceptional Arts in a Village setting. Mark's support, albeit now from afar, is invaluable.
- Michael Morpurgo writes for a very different audience and his event in 2016 was packed with local children. An early supporter of the embryonic Festival, we are delighted that Michael's links with Wedmore continue.
- Admiral Lord West, former First Sea Lord and much decorated veteran of the Falklands conflict as well as the invasions of Afghanistan and Iran, made an inspirational impact at the Swan in 2017. An expert on national security and defence, his advice continues to be sought nationally and internationally.

The Arts Festival will not take place in May this year but we are planning a micro-Festival to run over the weekend of 24 - 26 September providing a range of welcome live entertainment for the whole family. And, as part of our efforts to return to the usual bumper week in 2022 - 7 to 14 May - we are also launching a Friends scheme offering special benefits to our loyal audience members. You can find out how to join on our website, or by ringing  $01934 \ 807229$ .

With the support of our new Patrons and Friends, we can look forward to a bright future for the Festival.

Wedmoreartsfestival.co.uk

#### Kath Brent

My name is Gail Simpson and I am trying to trace the whereabouts of an old friend of mine, Kath Brent. She was my very first Headteacher when I started teaching in Chesterfields Infants School, Enfield in 1988. After I left the school we continued to keep in touch by letters and Christmas cards. Sadly however, my last letter from Kath was in 2016 with a Christmas card from her in 2017 I believe, but no address. I presumed Kath to still be living in Combe Batch Rise in Wedmore but my Christmas cards have all returned to me. Kath was an active walker, a member of the U3A and Pilates, reading and history groups. I would be very grateful for anyone who knows of Kath's whereabouts to contact me on my email address: gail thompson65@hotmail.com



#### 'Music Matters'

Continuing on from what was 'Singing for the Brain'. We meet fortnightly via Zoom Tuesdays at 2.30pm. Open to supporting people with dementia, their carers and other senior members of the community who find themselves isolated during the unprecedented Covid-19 situation. Meet, Chat, Share and Sing! Previous singing experience is not necessary, we sing for the enjoyment!

Contact Maureen Campbell, trained Singing for the Brain leader and Movement Psychotherapist, by email: mhc.dance4change@hotmail.co.uk

#### Music in Mind

Until the pandemic began in early spring 2020, I was running a music group in Wedmore (at the Masonic Hall) for people with memory problems and their carers. We met fortnightly on Monday afternoons. It has always been a supportive and friendly group where we use music



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If you know someone who might like to receive a CD, please get in touch with me and give me contact details so I can deliver when the next one is ready. There is no charge. I would just be delighted to reach more people who might benefit.

Stella Moore (Music therapist HCPC reg.) davestellamoore@btinternet.com, 01934 732282

#### St Mary's Flower Festival

St. Mary's Church is hoping to stage a Flower Festival on the weekend of 10 and 11 July 2021, please put the date in your diary!

#### Wedmore 40 30 - 2021



Save the date!

All being well, the next edition of the Wedmore 40 30 will take place on Sunday 11 July.

See you there.

#### **London Marathon**

My wife Sarah and I have been lucky in securing places in the London Marathon this year. Due to Covid last year's ballot places have rolled over to this year and next, so to gain a place this year is like hens' teeth!

We live in Crickham and both were born and raised in the area, Stoughton / Blackford and Stone Allerton. You may well see us on runs around the area, we have a keen love for running along the footpaths. As part of the training I can be found running up and down any of the hills! Particular favourites are Long Hill and the hill up to Wedmore woods! We have dedicated our marathon to Make a Wish Charity



and have set our target to raise £3000 to help families fulfil life-limited children's last wishes. We know of some local families who this charity has supported and helped, hence why we have chosen it. We would be extremely grateful if any readers would care to support us in this aim. Please go to our page link:

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Luke Fielder

#### Our Health and Wellbeing

In consultation with Axbridge and Wedmore Medical Practice and Mind Spirit with the support of W. 1 with the support of Wedmore Parish Council here is this month's item relating to our health & wellbeing.



#### The Great Outdoors!

With the proposed gradual easing of restrictions, we can hopefully start to do things outside again and with milder spring weather, what could be better! Why not start with a walk from our own guide, available from the Isle of Wedmore website www.theisleofwedmore.net. There are six walks to choose from that are apparently 'not difficult and are suitable for all walkers and go through some beautiful countryside'. The booklet was written in 2006, so the landscape may have changed somewhat! Let's find out! Walking in the countryside is good exercise and can be calming for our troubled spirits after the long winter. Our mental health may have taken a battering over the last year. We have all had trying times, as we have been isolated and restricted. Our children and young people may have been affected by the lockdown in different ways to adults. There is a service specifically designed for them and their parents/ carers. Take a look for ideas to help support them. www.somersetbigtent.org.uk

#### Update on the Isle of Wedmore Good Neighbours Scheme

The Isle of Wedmore Good Neighbour Scheme has gone live! Although the pandemic is restricting the scope of our support, our team of volunteers is ready to offer support to anyone who would benefit! Good Neighbours are there for all adults of any age in our community. We all benefit from a bit of extra help from time to time to help us through, for example, recovering from feeling low, or recovering from a period of ill health. Perhaps we need transport to a GP appointment or getting to a club or meeting.



There is a team of friendly and willing volunteers in our community waiting to offer that little bit extra. Keeping links with people is important for all of us to help us feel part of the community. Perhaps there will be a time when you can do the same to help someone else, but if you need a bit of extra support or company now, please do get in touch. Some people may just

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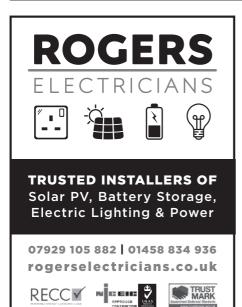
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(PS – just a last word – we are not an emergency service and do not take the place of health and social services – our role is to be Good Neighbours!)

#### **Axbridge and Wedmore Medical Practice**

Guidance and information about COVID-19 change frequently. To keep up to date check out the practice website www.axbridgeandwedmoremedicalpractice.nhs.uk and our local website www.whawb.co.uk , which has links to all relevant documents and websites mentioned.

Cathy Butterworth
On behalf of Wedmore Health & Wellbeing Project

# Second Large Covid-19 Vaccination Centre for Somerset Opens at Bath and West Showground

The Royal Bath and West Showground vaccination site is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, as part of an additional wave of 'large' vaccination centres which opened across the country. It is hoped to be able to vaccinate around 1300 people a day through four vaccination 'pods'.

NHS letters will be sent to local residents from the priority groups who live up to 45 minutes away from the new site. People will be invited to book their jab through the new national booking services by phone, or online. The centre will be an additional option for you to have your Covid-19 jab, but you can also choose to wait to be called by your local GP surgery if you prefer.

You should continue to wait to be contacted by the NHS, either by a letter or phone call - please do not call the Bath and West showground, or turn up without an appointment. Healthcare teams are working extremely hard to vaccinate the most vulnerable groups as quickly and safely as possible.

Please be patient and the NHS will contact you directly when it is your turn – don't call your GP surgery or local hospital to ask about your appointment.

When the NHS does contact you, please attend your booked appointment and please continue to follow all the guidance to control the spread of the virus and save lives.

For more information on the NHS vaccination in Somerset please visit: /www.somersetccg.nhs.uk/health/local-services/health-services-during-coronavirus/covid-19-vaccinations-in-somerset/

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#### **Abandoning the Creed**

I have been rather busy of late; alas it has been busyness of my own making.



Goodness knows what my father would make of it, and my grandfather would be positively spinning in his grave at the very thought of it.

What is it that has been giving me such aggravation, I hear you ask? Well, seeing as you are interested, I have forgotten the Yorkshireman's creed.

And what is the Yorkshireman's creed? Well, it is in the crib of every new-born next to a freshly plucked white rose, on the wall of every front room east of the Pennines and recited in every class; it is by far the most popular topic when two Yorkshiremen chat and it is even more well-known than On Ilkley Moor Baht'at!

So, it goes something like this, 'Hear all, see all, say nowt, tak' all, keep all, gie nowt, and if tha ever does owt for nowt do it for thysen.'

You see, way back in the mists of time, well last Christmas, I happened to mention to our Vicar that I was rather minded to write a Lent course for the parish, and that was not all; furthermore, I wanted to do a short video each week for our YouTube channel to go with it!

I must admit that I had thought he had forgotten about my absent-minded ramblings amidst the season of Yuletide cheer. Yet one afternoon in late January, during our weekly catch up on Zoom, he spoke rather enthusiastically about how he was looking forward to reading it and how he hoped that day would be soon.

Giving a kind of weak smile, which was all I could manage for a while, until at last I was able to say, 'How about a sneak peek by the end of next Saturday?' The shock of those words seemed to galvanise me, and at once I was in my right mind, tearing through every book in my library in the hope that I could write something in time.

Yet after my initial reluctance, after much prayer and furious typing, something strange started to happen: I started to enjoy writing the course. I realised that perhaps the Yorkshireman's creed was not quite as right as I had been led to believe. In fact, there is something rather wonderful about doing something for others and not serving our own self-interests and the desire for a hassle-free life.

Such is the message of Lent and Easter that there is something rather wonderful about giving to others with no strings attached. During March I have been humbled to see people taking part in the Closer course twice a week, and ashamed that it was almost not written because of a silly Yorkshire saying.

The late nights and the early mornings spent writing on my laptop, with nothing but my desk light for company, was a sacrifice worth making.

So, if my Yorkshire brethren will ever forgive me, I have re-written our much-cited creed: 'Hear all, see all, say something, receive all, share all, give your heart, and if you ever do something for nothing, then do it for the benefit of another.' You can still access the booklet for the Closer course by visiting: www.achurchnearyou.com and searching for 'Wedmore'. Alternatively, you can watch the course videos by going to YouTube and searching for our channel, St Mary's Wedmore.

Rev. Sam Healey, Curate for the Isle of Wedmore Benefice

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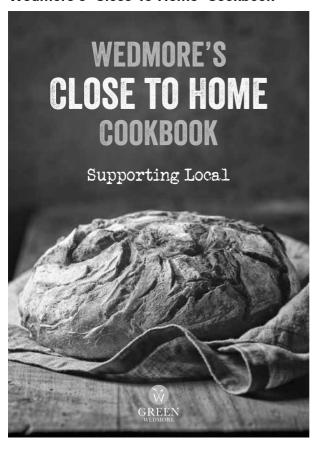
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Prompted by the 'Zero Carbon Wedmore' project, Green Wedmore, warmly supported by our Parish Council, is planning a village community cookbook.

The cookbook will hopefully focus us all on supporting our local food producers, our food shops, our pubs and restaurants and promoting food from our vegetable gardens, hedgerows and allotments. The thrust of recipes will be to encourage us to take full advantage of our marvellous local circumstances to create lovely dishes made with produce with as near to zero food miles as is possible.

With a view to maximum village participation the plan is to ask Wedmore's clubs, associations, schools, food shops, pubs and restaurants to propose recipes. 'The First

School Falafels', 'The Parish Council Porkers', 'The Bell Ringers Borscht', 'The Paper Shop Pasta Surprise' 'The Guides Giblets', 'The Community Bus Cauliflower Cheese' ....... you get the idea. (Alliteration not obligatory!)

By the time you read this many of you will have received a request for a recipe. If you have slipped through the net please give me a call.

Hopefully the cookbook will be ready for Christmas generating funds to help Green Wedmore continue to support further community projects.

Licking our lips in anticipation.

Green Wedmore Zero Carbon Food Group 07984 924432 and dahopkins@aol.com

#### The Cheddar Valley Food Bank

Many of you have been supporting the Cheddar Valley Food Bank in 2020 They need our help more than ever ...

Below is their website where you will see, for instance, that they also welcome cash donations. It also gives the latest information about the provisions that they currently need (no fresh food). www.cheddarvalley.foodbank.org.uk

You have two options:

- 1. There are collection bins outside Pumpkin and also at the doorstep of the Vicarage in Manor Lane. These are organised by St. Mary's. They are emptied and taken to the food bank every Saturday morning (0945 collection at Pumpkin and the Vicarage a few minutes later)
- 2. Watch out also for Neil Ellis' and Jo Keen's pop-up food bank collections which happen at the top of The Lerburne. These usually occur to help fulfil the extra requirements of the school holidays

Thanks everyone.

David Hopkins

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# **Focus on Businesses**

#### **Wedmore Resident Expands Business**

Dan Berry, who has recently moved to Wedmore, has expanded his landscaping and tree surgery business by taking over A1 Gardening and Tree Surgery.

Dan grew up in Axbridge and always assumed he would have a career that involved working outdoors. His uncle was a farmer and his grandparents were keen gardeners so, like many people in the area, he was exposed to various outdoor activities at an early age. His love of the outdoors was reflected in his educational path: after first school and middle school in Axbridge and Cheddar, he attended Brymore School

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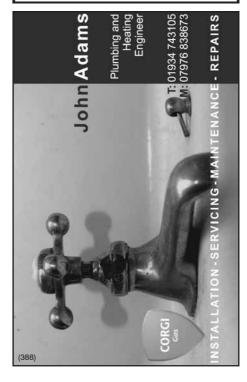
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(now Brymore Academy) in Cannington, near Bridgwater. In addition to all the standard subjects, the curriculum includes agriculture and horticulture, which students are able to experience in theory and practice by working in the school farm and gardens. Dan obtained a City & Guilds qualification in horticulture. His next stop was Hartpury College, near Gloucester, which offers diplomas in its specialised areas of agriculture, veterinarian, equine sport and veterinary nursing sectors. Dan chose to study countryside management.



During his summer jobs and after graduation, he focused on getting experience in different areas, working at a dairy farm and for a local landscaper. He also worked for Avon & Somerset Police as a gardener and, at the weekend, passed his chain saw certificates. He first worked for other tree surgeons to gain experience and then became self-employed. After a while of running his own business Dan decided that he wanted to broaden his area of expertise. He joined the team of greenkeepers at the Isle of Wedmore Golf Club to learn more about how to treat and maintain grass, continuing to pass tree surgery certificates in his spare time.

In 2014 he set up D. Berry Countryside Contracting, offering tree surgery, landscape and garden maintenance and fencing. Over the past few years he has

grown the business from a one-man band to a small team of qualified professionals. He has also worked as a subcontractor for other firms, mainly doing tree surgery. One of these firms was A1 Gardening & Tree Surgery Contracts. When the owner retired last year, Dan took over the company, merging it with his own and creating A1 Gardening & Tree Surgery Ltd in November 2020. He now has a team of 6-8 local, qualified staff who pride themselves on producing high quality work on time and at a reasonable price. The company mostly works in the local area for commercial and domestic customers. The projects include anything from landscaping the grounds of a supermarket to maintaining the garden for a caravan park or care home or replanting and regular upkeep of someone's garden.

With the acquisition completed Dan is now working on his communication plan, with local advertising (including an advert in The Isle of Wedmore News) and merging and updating the websites of the two businesses.

Liz Sweeney

# **Reports and Society Updates**

#### Isle of Wedmore Society - Meeting 25 February

Who would have thought in our 50-year history that we would organise a Zoom meeting with not one but two guest speakers.

Our first speaker was Sonia Fox-Lundy, the Health Coach for the Axbridge and Wedmore Medical Centre. Sonia has been with the Centre for 12 months and the doctors refer patients to her for help to achieve their goals in social interaction and life style changes and to improve their fitness. She also helps with other non-medical problems such as social isolation and mental health issues.

The idea is, of course, to prevent these problems from becoming medical ones.

The second speaker was Johnny Torrens-Spence, the Chairman of the newly formed The Isle of Wedmore Good Neighbours Organisation which operates with 35 volunteers who are aged between 30 and 70. They assist members of the local community who want help with such things as transport to surgery or hospital appointments, help around the house and people who would just like someone to talk to.

Posters advertising the organisation will shortly be placed around the village and the contact number is 01934 806299.

We wish to thank both of our speakers for joining us in this new venture. Members who wish to be included in our next Zoom meetings should contact our Secretary, Ian Tomes, on 01934 710390.

Chris Edwards

#### The Theale Show

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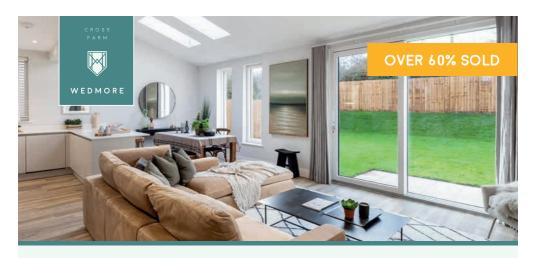
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keep the date free – exactly what it'll be and where will be announced shortly, but expect a fun casual gathering to ease us all back into human contact.

#### Saturday 4 September

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#### Latest News from Green Wedmore

#### **Litter Picking**

Many thanks to all those who made use of the Green Wedmore litter picker loan scheme. Lots of families and individuals have made the most of the quieter roads during lockdown and helped tidy up our community. We will continue to lend out equipment, so anyone who still wants to get involved can email one of the following to arrange to pick up equipment:



- Liz McDonnell lizmcdonnell2005@gmail.com The Lerburne
- Liz Burton missielizzieandmyshadow@ymail.com Church Street
- Vanessa Becker-Hughes greenwedmorev@gmail.com Theale

Following our Parish Council recommitment to the 'Green Charter' and Declaration of a Climate Emergency and Sedgemoor District and Somerset County council declaring a climate emergency in 2019, work continues apace in our six core groups Green Wedmore Net-Zero groups:

#### Wellbeing Group

Plans to erect a hedge and fence at Worthington Woods by the brook for visitors' safety.

A new oak tree has been planted and named Alfred the Great, our very own Peace Tree, so go and meet him in Worthington Woods when the woodland opens!

Continuation of the litter picking loan scheme.

Our website is undergoing a refresh and overhaul to keep everyone updated on news.

#### **Energy**

We are delighted the Parish Council has agreed to be our sponsor for a funding application for a wind feasibility project.

We are planning a project with local firm Sunlit Solar – please keep a close eye on our Facebook page and email updates.

February's informative guest speaker was Paul Reynolds from Evergreen Renewable Energy. We had lots of residents Zooming in to hear his presentation about ground and air source heat pumps. Many thanks to Paul https://www.evergreensw.co.uk.

#### **Transport**

Work continues with installing village charging points and a village E Car.

Reports from users that footpath maintenance issues seem to be improving – thank you to landowners who are fixing issues.

#### Carbon and Nature

We have applied for funding for 'Wild for Wildlife in Wedmore', a publication to help residents take simple steps to encourage wildlife in their gardens and community.

#### Housing

Work continues with the Warmer Wedmore project, improving energy efficiency in our social housing. Project with Sunlit Solar.

#### Food

Work is progressing quickly on our 'Close to Home' recipe book (see separate article) and we are delighted the Parish Council has supported this with a grant.

#### Crowdfunder

Many thanks to all those who donated to our Crowdfunder, we surpassed our £1,000 target thanks to your generosity. This will help us work on even more community projects.

Please check out our website http://greenwedmore.co.uk or join the Facebook page. Due to Covid restrictions, meetings are still taking place online, on the last Monday of each month.

If you want to get involved or are curious to find out more, get in touch. New members are always very welcome. Please email greenwedmorev@gmail.com for further info.

Liz Burton

#### St Mary's Church 100 Club

The latest winners are, first, Mr John Allison and, second, Mrs Helen Mullett. Congratulations to both!

#### Inner Wheel Club of Wrington Vale

The days are getting longer and the tunnel with the dim light at the end is at last getting shorter. For many of us this lockdown has proved lethal in terms of our ability to socialise and so it has affected our well-being and mental health. For too many others it has just proved lethal.

Whilst all this has been going on a dedicated group of people have just carried on carrying on. These are the doctors and nurses. They have witnessed the lows of sorrow, exhaustion and suffering. They have also witnessed the joy of recovery and a return to health, home and grateful families and friends.

These are the frontline workers in the medical profession who have cared for anyone who came needing their care. All of them have been helped by a team of auxiliary support staff from the laboratories, the X-ray and scan departments, ambulance crews, porters, cleaners, admin and security.

There's also been a large section of society backing up these marvellous people on a daily basis. These were the posties, the transport and delivery drivers, the little shops who operated safely and organised local food parcels, the big shops who stepped up their delivery slots, the dustmen, the police and the neighbours looking out for each other.

Now as the vaccines are rolled out and we start to feel a bit more positive about the future, let's just say a huge THANK YOU to all of them!

Once upon a time there was a group of ladies who decided to reach out to those in need of their help and attention. These ladies – part of a nationwide, and indeed a worldwide organisation - were determined to help wherever and whenever they could.

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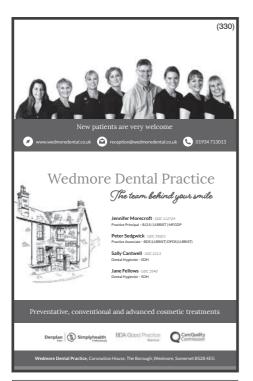
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Those who have been reading of our exploits so far will not be surprised to hear we have turned our attention to Easter!

Stuck in our homes we have been knitting, first blankets for those with dementia and now chicks. Two talented members have knitted 10 rabbits and over 125 chicks then stuffed them with cream eggs. These were delivered to Weston Hospice for their fundraising campaign. Squares for the blankets have been flooding in while others have knitted toys for sale by local charities. As well as seasonal items several members have also been knitting hats, gloves and bootees for newborns in St Michael's and other local baby units.

I have to tell you that I did not check that all the chicks contained an egg! Who knows where they went? But I'm sure they all lived happily ever after.

Wendy Welham

#### Cheddar Vale Lions Club News

Cheddar Vale Lions started the new year positively with a project to benefit the local community. The Club did not want to stop because of lockdown and has identified a really important need within the





community that can be carried out within the

rules. The project is set up to help local schools and families by providing IT items to those children that need the devices for their home schooling.

When the project was launched on social media during the first week in January, it created a lot of interest. Offers of items came in steadily at first and several families immediately requested devices to help them with the home schooling. The week we launched, an ex-Lion and an IT Technician came forward and offered to set up the process of data-wiping and resetting the devices to software that runs on Chromebooks (A stipulation of the Wessex Learning

Trust). We then contacted the local Men's Shed, with whom we have a good working relationship, as we knew they had a member certified to PAT test all the items to ensure their electrical safety. They kindly offered their services to us and our production line was set!

In the meantime, PR Officer, Lion Sylvia, contacted the BBC to discuss being added to their 'Make a Difference' website as they had asked for any organisations running this sort of scheme to come forward and register with them. The registration was done after numerous checks on our Charity status and policies. Then a link was set up from their website to ours. When this went live, we received many donations of equipment and also lots of publicity, including an interview on BBC Radio Somerset.

Once we started getting the requests in, it was time to have a discussion with our Zone Chairman and ask if we could enlist the help of our neighbouring Lions Clubs to assist with picking up devices in their areas. Lion Colin Marsh immediately came to our aid, sent out to all the Clubs and we now have a network set up with them which is running really well. Working together in partnership has been fantastic and we have managed to log and test 125 items as of 15 February!

Wyvern Coffee, a local company in Cheddar Gorge, ran a raffle to raise extra money for our project and collected £330 for us. Another local community café, Lenny's, also donated another £250 to support us. Our local community has definitely united behind us after seeing Lions on our social media page distributing laptops to Cheddar First School and Fairlands School, plus students at the Kings of Wessex School and Hugh Sexeys. We are still receiving requests and fulfilling them.

This has been one of the largest projects we



have run for some time, so worthwhile, rewarding and sometimes emotional when we see the families that are struggling. I will finish with a quote from Tom at Wyvern Coffee, who backed us from the beginning: 'the kids are our future and we need to do everything in our power to make sure that future stays bright.' Lions serving their community!



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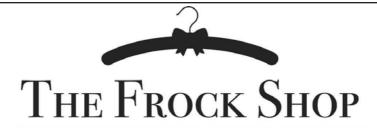
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# Weston Hospice Delighted to Announce the Return of the Mendip Challenge in 2021

Weston Hospicecare can announce the popular Mendip Challenge will return in 2021.

It will take place on Sunday 6 June and will feature a 30, 20, 10 and a brand new 5-mile route for supporters to tackle.

The routes follow the West Mendip Way on the Mendip Hills between Wells and Weston. In 2019, the event raised an enormous £85,000 for the hospice with 1,200 people taking on the challenge.

The charity has already arranged for measures such as social distancing on coaches, contactless registration and staggered start times for the 5 and 10-mile route.

Participants for the 5 and 10-mile route will start and finish at Weston Cricket Club to ensure social distancing can take place on the coaches for the 20 and 30 mile route.

Supporters will receive a medal, a recommended training programme, a reusable water bottle, and a route guide.

On the launch weekend, the hospice will be running a flash early bird offer which offers a discount on entry fees to participants.

For more information about the event, and for details about how to sign up, please visit http://bit.ly/MendipChallenge.

(www.westonhospicecare.org.uk/event/the-mendip-challenge)

#### RNLI Winscombe and District Branch - Planning Can Begin

The announcement of Boris's Roadmap on 22 February has provided the Branch with some guidance and a 'springboard' to start planning some fund-raising for 2021. Consequently, the Branch held a Committee Meeting on 2 March to kick start this year's programme. Order lists for a full range of plants offered for our 2021 Plant Sale have



already been sent out to previous customers and initial orders are being received. However, using Boris's Roadmap, it now appears highly likely that we will be able to hold some form of Outdoor Plant Sale in Winscombe in May, although neither the extent nor the date is finalised at time of writing. Further information on plant order forms and the plant sale format may be requested by e-mail from meejlfh@gmail.com or paul\_e\_ashmore@btinternet.com. As always, prices will be very reasonable and all profits will go to RNLI Winscombe and District Branch.

Also as part of Boris's Roadmap Step 3 around 17 May, meeting outdoors will be permitted so the Branch will restart 'Pop-Up' Stalls in our local villages while it may be possible to hold village events in which the Branch will participate.

Meanwhile, the first batch of this year's plants (mostly broad beans and sweet peas) are available at 'Mike's Honesty Box' Plant & Produce Sales Table on Jubilee Road in Axbridge; as well as buying items from the table, customers and supporters may leave plants and other produce at Mike's Table for onward sales.

The Branch is always open for individual donations, so please contact our Chairman Allan Cooper on 01934-842954.

At a national level, the RNLI has started to recruit and train lifeguards to ensure that all 248 RNLI beaches are provided with a lifeguard service this year. This should ensure that Burnham-on-Sea and Berrow beaches will be manned from July to September. RNLI lifeguards have helped thousands of people return home to their loved ones over the last 20 years. They are a crucial part of the RNLI lifesaving service, helping to prevent incidents before they happen, and being there to rescue those who get into difficulty.

It's a truly rewarding role and a great summer job, where you get to call the beach your office, so if you have a passion for the RNLI, a good level of fitness, love speaking to people and helping others, why not apply? Go to the RNLI website: https://summerjobs.rnli.org/become-a-lifeguard

February has been another quiet month for our four Somerset lifeboat stations with just two shouts at Weston-super-Mare.

Paul Ashmore

# Weather Report for February 2021

Location: Chestnut Farm, Snake Lane, Theale

#### Rainfall:



Monthly total	55.5mm	(2.2in)			
Long-term (28yr) February avg	61.6mm	(2.4in)			
Wettest days (14th and 16th)	7.2mm	(0.3in)			
No of dry days		6			
Total for last three months (Dec – Feb)276.2mm(10.9in)					
Year ending 28 Feb 2021	922.7mm	(36.3in)			
Long-term annual average	856.6mm	(33.7in)			

#### Temperatures:



Maximum (23rd)	14.1 °C	(57.4 °F)
Minimum (10th)	-3.3 °C	(26.1 °F)
Number of air frosts		8
Monthly average maximum	9.1 °C	(48.4 °F)
Long-term average maximum	12.7 °C	(54.9 °F)
Monthly average minimum	2.6 °C	(36.7 °F)
Long-term average minimum	-2.9 °C	(26.8 °F)

#### Comments:

Cold spell with easterly winds and night frosts from 7 until 13 February. Beast from the East. Apologies for an error in last month's figures – long term average maximum temperature for January should read: 12.2 °C, (54.0 °F).

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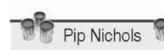
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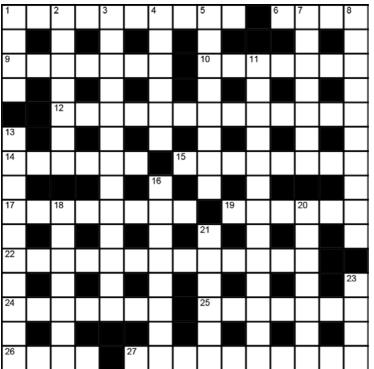
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## The Crossword:

#### Number 45

By greendandelion



#### ACROSS:

- 1 The very essence of being a man, albeit a bad one (10)
- 6 Cats maybe have small acumen (4)
- 9 Boredom for example could change this innocent young lady (7)
- 10 Ballet centre in Athens (7)
- 12 Practice with a friend as my father and his before him did (13)
- 14 Unsophisticated organ in front of you once (6)
- 15 More than enough for the god in guestion (8)
- 17 Dealer in ship's essentials was known for his extended slumber (8)
- 19 Bishop took a jumper to church and was awarded a badge (6)
- 22 As far as The Church is concerned he is out on his own (13)
- 24 Mr. Turing would always cover a question for a North American (7)
- 25 Stumbling block caused by alert moving over a millimetre (7)
- 26 Prover loses the first direction (4)
- 27 Number of people having a ball two hours before midnight (10)

#### DOWN:

- 1 In his environment this marine has no Queen (4)
- 2 Not such a heavy match (7)
- 3 Last French grandma had cut the smoked fish (6,7)
- 4 Even in a mediocre tinseltown one will find a resident idiot (6)
- 5 Where rape seed might be grown? (8)
- 7 Gentleman, concealed first a large governmental operation (7)
- 8 Weak West Indian and West African both shy (5-5)
- 11 Creature will look out for a point on the Cornish coast (7,6)
- 13 What consideration is earned by ogling naughty centre page (10)
- 16 Result of left over right, right over left (4,4)
- 18 Accounts about the east get hot and slowly cooled (7)
- 20 Seat of Empire (7)
- 21 Court order he will struggle with (6)
- 23 Solitary acclimatised berry (4)

Answers at the rear of publication.

# **Poets' Corner**

#### Vera's Verse

#### The Snipe

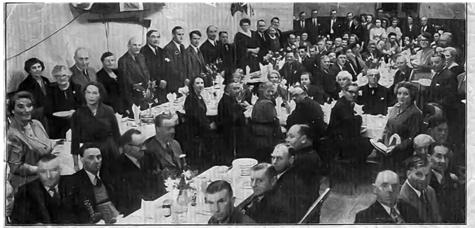
'Don't you snipe at me'
We say to someone who treats us aggressively.
The Snipe is a bird who hides and attacks his prey.
And his name has been adapted today
To mean 'the Sniper.'
Who is concealed in an advantageous place
To shoot at people who wish others ill.
So the Snipe has become a James Bond bird,
Who is licensed to kill.

Vera Banwell

## **Letters to the Editor**

Dear Editor

Using lockdown to 'refresh' my family history. Re. attached photos, can anyone give the dates of the events? Thank you,



WEDMORE DINNER.—The seventh annual supper and social evening of the Wedmore Farmers' Preserving Club was held in the Church Schoolroom. Among those at the top table were Sir Ian Orr Ewing, M.P., His Honour Judge Paton (president) and Messrs, Martin Hill (coairman), R. Isgar and J. Duckett (vice-chairman) and John Duckett (reassuer).

Winston Maskell (family lived at Crossways 68-70)

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# Tasty Morsels – Recipes for You

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#### Ingredients

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170g (6oz) golden caster sugar
3 eggs, beaten
140g (5oz) self-raising flour
30g (1 oz) cocoa powder
60g (2oz) pecan nuts, halved
2 tablespoons milk
A few drops of vanilla essence
For the Sauce...
110g (4 oz) plain chocolate, melted
140ml (1/4 pt) maple syrup
A 1.5-litre (2 pt) oval ovenproof dish, buttered
Set the oven at Gas Mark 5, 190 degrees C, 375 degrees F

#### Method

Cream the butter with the sugar until pale and light. Gradually add the eggs, beating well after each addition. Sift the flour and cocoa powder together and using a metal spoon gently fold them into the creamed mixture. Follow with the nuts, milk and vanilla essence. Spoon into the prepared dish and level the surface.

To make the sauce, mix the melted chocolate with the maple syrup along with 140 ml (1/4 pt) hot water. Pour the sauce over the sponge mixture and bake in the oven for 40 minutes, or until firm to the touch.

Serve with plenty of clotted cream or homemade custard!

Lindy Richardson

# Thought for the Month - April 2021

A colleague from one of the other local churches recently mentioned that she had been asked to sum up her experience of this last extraordinary year in three words. And then she challenged me to do the same. It's not usually a good idea to overthink these things so, after the briefest of pauses, I came up with – 'online' (sadly I haven't been able to give up 'Zoom' for Lent!), 'repetitive' (the days have tended to merge into one) and 'discombobulated' (which means being thrown into a state of

confusion; and I have to admit that I chose it partly because it is a fantastic word in itself). I wonder what three words you would choose.

Easter has become such a familiar part of our calendar, associated with words like 'joy' and 'hope' that we forget how discombobulating it must have been for the friends and followers of Jesus. Nothing like this had happened before. They weren't expecting the resurrection but having experienced its reality it threw all their expectations in the air or, to mix my metaphors, pulled the rug from beneath their feet.

How were they to react in this new world in which death was suddenly not the final word? What did it mean for them? What did it mean for the rest of the world? It took a while before they were shouting out this new reality and dedicating the rest of their lives to it. In the meantime there were times that they refused to believe what was happening (like Doubting Thomas), there were times that fear continued to get the better of them (they met behind locked doors) and there were times that they tried to go back to the old ways as if the previous three years hadn't occurred at all (Peter and his crew tried going back to fishing).

As we all emerge blinking and discombobulated into the summer of 2021, able hopefully to meet each other again, hug those whom we have missed and gather in groups larger than six, and at the same time clutching to ourselves all that we have lost and experienced, we will still be in a state of confusion. There is a new reality with which to come to terms and like the disciples that may take some time. I hope that we don't find ourselves dominated by fear. I hope that we don't simply go back to the old ways, as if Covid had never happened. I hope that we can move forward together stronger and with joy and hope in our hearts.

Wishing you all the very best this Eastertide Your Vicar

Richard Neill

# **Sport Reports**

#### Isle of Wedmore Bowls Club

Following the success of last year's Springtime Bowls Bonanza the Isle of Wedmore Bowls Club is delighted to be offering the chance to win 10 free summer outdoor memberships for 2021. To enter the free draw all you need to do is email Stuart Fisher with your name, address and phone number at millhaven44@icloud.com or call Stuart on 01749 870704. Draw date is 18 April. Sorry, but entrants must be over 16 and current and past members are excluded!

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# The Garden in April

(Editor's Note: This article was first published in April 2007 and is reproduced here by kind permission of Mrs Yvonne Hutchinson).

I wrote last month about seed-sowing. One of the problems that the wet soil conditions we are now experiencing can cause, particularly on the heavy soils that many of us in this area have, is that it is pretty much impossible to get a seedbed. We used to rely on autumn digging and winter frost to give us a friable soil into which we could sow both flower and vegetable seeds, but we no longer seem to get the frosts to do that. There are, of course, a great many seeds that can be sown into compost in seed trays and pricked out later, either directly to where they are to grow, or into individual pots before planting out later still. This is worth a try, even with things that the instructions say must be sown directly where they are to grow. Now that such things as plug-trays and peat pots are so readily available, sowing in containers and then planting out can be achieved in relative ease. You can also buy young plants of just about anything in such containers these days and sowing the seed yourself may not seem necessary, although by doing so you have a much wider choice of varieties. The plants that may be difficult to do this with successfully are root vegetables, especially those with long tap-roots, such as carrots and parsnips; it is always worth experimenting however and sometimes what doesn't work for someone else may just do so for you.

As the days get longer and the temperatures rise plants generally will grow much faster and use up nutrients more rapidly and it is therefore often necessary to top-dress them with some kind of fertiliser, chemical or organic, depending on your point of view. The need for nutrients often shows itself in your lawn as it starts to grow more rapidly; nitrogen fertiliser will improve the colour of the grass, but it will also make it grow more rapidly and with more moisture in the leaves, so sometimes you are making a rod for your own back by applying it. Phosphate and potash will improve the health and competitiveness of your sward; soils are less likely to be low in phosphates than they are in potash, so consult the label on the fertilizer if you are not sure what your lawn needs. Lawns that do not grow vigorously will allow the ingress of weeds and moss more readily. If, of course, you have done everything correctly and your lawn is growing rapidly then you may have to resort to cutting it twice a week! Now is the ideal time to sow new lawns from seed as long as you remember not to let the seed dry out once it has germinated.

You can probably dead-head many of your spring bulbs by now especially the various daffodils and other narcissi which have been early this year. You can still put in lily bulbs if you are quick and there are a few plants that can give you a better scent in the garden, provided you choose the right species and varieties.

There will be seeds such as marrows, pumpkins and squashes that it is not too late to sow now as they need not be planted out until May, by which time night temperatures should be higher.

With more vigorous plant growth and higher temperatures, more pests such as aphids and caterpillars will appear and need to be controlled by whichever method you consider most ethical. Roses may also suffer from diseases such as blackspot or April 2021

mildew; the latter is encouraged by dryness at the root and watering may therefore help to keep it under control, but the blackspot is more prevalent in humid conditions and you may therefore be at the mercy of the weather; however removing all infected leaves can help. You can of course use broad-spectrum rose fungicide / insecticide if you do not disagree with doing so.

Tender plants like dahlias should be safe outside now but beware of sudden cold and cover them up if frost is forecast. Containers for patios and hanging baskets can all be ready to go out now, but again be wary of cold nights, very often once plants have suffered a setback by chilling they are slow to recover.

Well as usual I have run out of space, so I wish you well with your garden until May.

Adrian Hutchinson

## **Church News**

#### **Church Services in April**

Please note that at the time of going to press, our church services are all online and there is no public worship. We aim to be back in church before Easter, but please check our website, Facebook page and posters outside of church for the latest updates and services.

#### **Holy Week and Easter Services**

Holy Week and Easter is the crown of the Christian year and we will be marking this with special services and events, including children's worship both online and in our churches. Because of the fluid situation there are no details at the time of going to press, but please look at our Facebook pages and websites.

#### 'On a Wheel and a Prayer'

On Tuesday 20 April, the vicar will be conducting the next 'cycle prayer pilgrimage', cycling around the different villages and hamlets that make up the Benefice of the Isle of Wedmore that our churches serve, stopping at various points and praying for the particular communities. Details of timings can be found in the churches and you are welcome to join him at any of the stops.



# **Church Services**

#### St Mary's Church, Wedmore

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday - Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel at 8.45am Holy Communion is celebrated most weeks on Wednesday morning at 9.45 am

Sunday 4 Easter Sunday 10.30 am Festival Communion 6.00 pm Start the Week

Sunday	11	Easter 2	10.30 am	Informal Service		
-			6.00 pm	Start the Week (Taizé Style)		
Sunday	18	Easter 3	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)		
			10.30 am	Morning Praise		
			6.00 pm	Start the Week		
Sunday	25	Easter 4	10.30 am	Parish Communion		
Holy Trinity Church						
Sunday	-		9.00 am	Parish Communion		
Sunday	11	Easter 2	9.00 am	Informal Service		
Sunday	18	Easter 3	9.00 am	Parish Communion		
Sunday	25	Easter 4	6.00 pm	Zoom online Evening Service		
Christchurch, Theale						
Sunday	4	Easter Sunday	11.00 am	Parish Communion		
Sunday	11	Easter 2	11.00 am	Parish Communion		
Sunday	18	Easter 3	11.00 am	Parish Communion		
Sunday	25	Easter 4	11.00 am	Morning Praise		
Allerton Church						
Sunday	4	Easter Sunday	9.00 am	Parish Communion		
Sunday	11	Easter 2	9.00 am	Family Service		
Sunday	18	Easter 3	9.00 am	Morning Praise		
Sunday	25	Easter 4	9.00 am	Parish Communion		

#### **Bagley Baptist Church**

Every Sunday from 10.30 am - Morning service via our Bagley Baptist You Tube channel. - tinyurl.com/e49h3bnh

Communion is shared on the first Sunday of the month.

Many fellowship groups are available to access - Home groups, prayer meetings, youth groups and more.

For further information or support please email: contactus@bagleybaptist.co.uk, tel: (01934) 710779 / 712812.

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www.axbridgeandwedmoremedicalpractice.nhs.uk

#### **Improved Access Appointments**

#### **Axbridge Surgery**

Tuesdays 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm

During these a Nurse/HCA/Phlebotomist will be available for routine appointments outside normal surgery times. These appointments are provided, but not exclusively, for those patients who find it difficult to attend during normal surgery hours.

Please note, these hours may be subject to change depending on the availability of clinical staff.

Please visit our website or visit/ telephone the practice 732464 or 712774 for changes to opening hours. You can also obtain 24-hour general medical advice by telephoning NHS 111, or visit the NHS 111 website.

During improved access appointments the front door will be locked. Please ring the video doorbell for access. Access will only be granted to patients with pre-booked appointments.

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**Wedmore Community Bus** 

All routine services are presently suspended whist we remain in national lockdown, but will resume immediately when restrictions are relaxed.





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## **Crossword 45 Answers**

Across: 1. Malefactor 6. Show 9. Ingenue 10. Lambdas 12. Traditionally 14. Earthy 15. Plethora 17. Chandler 19. Brooch 22. Nonconformist 24. Alaskan 25. Trammel 26. East 27. Attendance

**Down:** 1. Main. 2. Lighter 3. Finnan haddock 4. Cretin 5. Oilfield 7. Hidalgo 8. Wishy-washy 11. Monitor lizard 13. Percentage 16. Reef knot 18. Anneals 20. Ottoman 21. Writhe 23. Sloe

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